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## 2005 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Potatoes

## Alabama, Florida

### Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the potatoes in the county in which you have a share that are planted for harvest as certified seed stock or for human consumption for which a guarantee and premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents.

### Counties Available

#### Alabama

Baldwin  
Mobile  
DeKalb  
Jackson

#### Florida

##### North

Flagler  
Putnam  
St. Johns  
Suwannee

##### South

Charlotte	Highlands
Collier	Indian River
Miami-Dade	Lee
DeSoto	Manatee
Hendry	Okeechobee
	St. Lucie

### Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions  
Earthquake  
Fire  
Insects<sup>1</sup>  
Plant disease<sup>2</sup>  
Wildlife  
Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>3</sup>  
Volcanic eruption

<sup>1</sup>But only if sufficient and proper pest control measures are used.

<sup>2</sup>But only if sufficient and proper disease control measures are used.

<sup>3</sup>If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

### Insurance Period

Coverage begins the date the crop is planted (within the planting period dates specified on the actuarial documents). Coverage ends the earlier of: (1) total destruction of the crop on the unit, (2) final

adjustment of a loss on the unit, (3) harvest of the crop on the unit, (4) abandonment of the crop on the unit, or (5) end of insurance date for the county crop program.

### Reporting Requirements

**Acreage Report**—An acreage report is due to your insurance agent by the acreage reporting date to include all acreage (insurable and uninsurable) in the county in which you have a share.

**Notice of Loss**— See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.

### Important Dates

#### Sales Closing

North Florida and Alabama.....December 31  
South Florida.....September 30

#### Billing

North Florida and Alabama.....October 1  
South Florida.....July 1

#### Cancellation/Termination

North Florida and Alabama.....December 31  
South Florida.....September 30

### Definitions

**Cancellation Date**— The calendar date specified in the crop provisions on which coverage for the crop will automatically renew unless canceled in writing by either you or us or terminated in accordance with the policy terms.

**Price Election**—The value unit of measure for the purpose of determining premiums and indemnity under the policy (see your insurance agent for additional pricing information).

**Planting Period**—The period of time between the calendar dates designated in the special provisions for the planting of spring-planted, fall-planted, or winter-planted potatoes.

## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average yield of 200 cwt per acre would result in a guarantee of 130 cwt per acre at the 65-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select the 65-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 41 percent of the base premium.

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$100 per county, regardless of the acreage.

## Loss Example

Example for potatoes assuming 65-percent coverage and a \$10 price election.

200	Cwt APH
<u>x .65</u>	Coverage level
130	Cwt per acre guarantee
<u>- 80</u>	Cwt per acre produced
50	Cwt per acre loss
<u>x \$10</u>	Price election
\$ 500	<b>Gross indemnity per acre</b>

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